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***MEDICARE DEADLINE IS APPROACHING,
SENIORS CAN STILL GET HELP
“BenefitsCheckUpRx” helps clear Medicare confusion***

PHOENIX – Time is running out for Medicare-eligible Arizonans to enroll in the new federal Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage program (Medicare Part D). With the May 15th deadline looming, many seniors and others are struggling to understand the process, confounded by a bewildering maze of the new benefit programs.

To ease that confusion, Arizona’s BenefitsCheckUp program has been expanded to include help on figuring out Medicare D. “BenefitsCheckUpRx” is an Internet-based questionnaire that assists Medicare-eligible Arizonans in determining whether one of the new Medicare prescription plans is the right choice for them.

“BenefitsCheckUpRx is easy to understand, helps clear up the confusion regarding Medicare D. The free service does not require providing personal information, yet can be very useful,” said Gov. Janet Napolitano. “I encourage Arizonans to take advantage of this service.”

Through an 800 number and a Web site, the program enables seniors and the disabled to safely and quickly check their eligibility for more than 1,300 state and federal benefits programs – including programs that provide groceries and health care. The BenefitsCheckUp service is confidential, allowing a search of services without having to provide a name or address.

The BenefitsCheckUp Web site is www.benefitscheckup.or/link/AZ. Medicare-eligible Arizonans can also take advantage of free, personal help at the BenefitsCheckUp screening sites currently located in 12 Arizona counties. To find the nearest screening site, or to receive a BenefitsCheckUp screening questionnaire by mail, call 1-800-432-4040.